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to supplement the grant given from the State funds for reconstruction of houses and for subsidising the sale of insecticides in the pest-affected areas of Chirakkal taluk.

" (b) The amount spent in Kurumbranad taluk for flood relief from State funds was Rs. 6,365. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 5,075 was spent in Quilandy firka. In addition, a sum of Rs. 1,650 was sanctioned from the Prime Minister's Donation of Rs. 10,000 for the distribution of clothes to the flood affected in this taluk. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 1,230 was spent in Quilandy firka."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" May I know whether the Government have laid down any policy for giving revenue remission to agriculturists whose crops have been damaged due to the recent floods in Malabar? In particular, may I know whether any such revenue remission was given to the agriculturists of Payyoli, North Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not know whether the hon. Member refers to the present fasli or the past fasli."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue consider the question of providing relief to the flood-stricken ryots by the grant of land revenue remissions as thereby automatically under the present Malabar Tenancy Act, statutorily, they could get automatic abatement of rent, in respect of which I have been repeatedly making references to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue and had also written to him in that connection? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is true that the hon. Member has sent me a written representation also. I may inform the hon. Member that it is being looked into."

Sale of ammonium sulphate.

* 148 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how the sulphate of ammonia is distributed from the date of G.O. Ms. No. 364, Food and Agriculture (Food Production), dated 17th September 1953 and when the above Government Order came into effect?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Ammonium sulphate is sold at the Agricultural department depots (which are located at all headquarters stations of agricultural demonstrators) to any person or firm without any quantitative limit against payment of cost at the rates notified in each depot. Any intending purchaser may remit the cost of the quantity of ammonium sulphate required at the nearest treasury and take the supply from the depot on production of the chalan. Purchasers can get their requirements direct from the clearing and forwarding agents at Madras, if they so desire.

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The Government Order came into effect from 21st September 1953."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the distribution through the agricultural co-operative stores is delayed on the ground that the prices fixed by the Government are not received along with the consignment of this stuff? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have received complaints from some places that there has been delay in the matter of fixation of prices. The question of fixing a uniform price is under examination. I may also inform the House that the whole policy behind this distribution of ammonium sulphate is also under examination."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that the sale price of sulphate of ammonia by co-operative societies is higher than the price fixed and sold through the agricultural depots and if so, may I know the reason for this disparity? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think so."

Grant of certain facilities to chucklers.

* 149 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any recommendation from the Harijan Welfare Committee that chucklers should be given special consideration regarding education, provision of house-sites and drinking water facilities; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government have accepted the recommendations generally and are implementing them without prepetuating the differences among the several subsects of Harijans by marking out a few subsects among them for higher priority in the Welfare work."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சக்கிலியர்களுக்கு வேண்டிய வசதிகளை உடனடியாகச் செய்துகொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று ஹரிஜன் வெல்பேர் கமிட்டி தனது சிபாரிசுகளில் வற்புறுத்தியிருந்தும், சர்க்கார் அதில் கவனம் செலுத்தாதது என்? ஹரிஜன் வெல்பேர் கமிட்டியினுடைய சிபாரிசுகளைப் புறக்கணிப்பது என்று இதற்கு அர்த்தமா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Government are taking all possible steps for giving amenities to this kind of unfortunate people, Sir."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I ask whether the Government are really aware of the fact that chucklers are the most